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National Social Work Month is an annual education and information campaign spearheaded by the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) to focus attention on the critical role that Social Workers play in confronting some of the toughest challenges facing our society today. The theme for 2016 is “Forging Solutions Out of Challenges,” which celebrates the comprehensive work done by Social Workers to improve lives and communities.

The Los Angeles County Community and Senior Services, Adult Protective Service (APS) Social Workers continue their vital role in investigating and intervening in all reported incidents of elder and dependent adult abuse across the County. In Fiscal Year 2014-2015, APS Social Workers provided critical services intended to reduce or eliminate abuse and neglect of older adults and dependent adults in over 36,000 households. Sadly these numbers continue to grow due to the rapid aging of the population and public awareness of this growing epidemic. APS continues to work

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collaboratively with law enforcement, mental health professionals, and various county departments to ensure a safety net for all victims of elder and dependent adult abuse.

I, THEREFORE MOVE that the Board declare the month of March 2016 as National Social Work Month in Los Angeles County and commend the Los Angeles County Community and Senior Services, APS for its efforts to reduce and eliminate abuse among some of the most vulnerable populations in Los Angeles County. **I, FURTHER MOVE** that the Board encourage all citizens and interested groups to observe the month with appropriate activities that promote the importance of Social Workers in our communities.

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